

Pat Ryan has spent his entire career in Congress defending the same values his father defended on the battlefield and in the courtroom. These are the same values that Pat and his wife Kathie have taught their children through their words and their example.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of his colleagues in the House, members of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and other Members who have known and worked with him, on behalf of veterans organizations and leaders across the country, and on behalf of millions of veterans who have benefited from his work, but have never known his name, I want to thank Patrick Ryan for a distinguished career of faithful public service. It has been an honor to work with him.

I call on all of my colleagues to join with me in honoring Patrick Ryan on his retirement and to wish him good luck and Godspeed in whatever lies ahead of him.

#### RECOGNITION OF CAROL WALTER

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise an extraordinary woman, Ms. Carole Walter. Ms. Walter's talent and love for culinary arts have translated into several best selling and highly regarded books, as well as accolades.

Her background goes beyond cooking. Over the years, she has established herself as a respected and highly-regarded cookbook author, baker, baking instructor, chocolatier and consultant. Ms. Walter's most recent published cookbook, *Great Cookies*, won the IACP award in the category of Best Baking. In addition, her book, *Great Pies and Tarts*, was a finalist in the Julia Child Cookbook Awards, and *Great Cakes* earned Ms. Walter a James Beard Foundation Award.

Throughout her 20-year career, Ms. Walter has exhibited incredible commitment to the culinary arts. Currently, she serves as a trustee of the New York Association of Culinary Professionals and a Certified Culinary Professional in the International Association of Culinary Professionals. In addition, she has chosen to share her enthusiasm for baking by establishing the Scholarship Fund for the NYACP. Mr. Frank Garofolo, President of NYACP has said of Carole, "(She) is a dedicated culinary professional who works tirelessly to promote the culinary arts. Her dedication to helping provide opportunities for young people to enter the profession is boundless." It comes as no surprise that Sickles Market has named Ms. Walter as the first Honoree for their 2004 Wine and Cheese Fundraiser and Apple Baking Contest.

Once again, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Walter on an accomplished career and for the instrumental role she has played in the culinary arts. She is truly deserving of the acknowledgment from Sickles Market.

IN HONOR OF RICHARD  
SCAGLIOTTI

#### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Scagliotti, whose lifelong dedication to San Benito County consists of many volunteer and local government positions. Richard will be stepping down as the San Benito County Supervisor for District 1, where he has served for 16 years.

Following in the footsteps of his father, who served San Benito County in the early sixties, Richard has served nearly his entire public career on the San Benito County Council of Governments and the Local Agency Formation Commission. In addition to his work with the San Benito Board of Supervisors, Richard has served on the Veteran's Memorial Park commission, the Local Transportation Authority, the Inter-Governmental Committee and many other local government groups. One of his proudest accomplishments was the establishment of the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Control Commission in 2000, and has served on the Commission ever since.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to congratulate Richard on his long and honorable career and thank him for his contribution to our society. Richard has consistently gone above and beyond the roles bestowed upon him, and has left a legacy of community leadership. I wish him all the luck in his future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING MR. KEITH  
PALMER ON RECEIPT OF THE  
LILLIAN C. MCGOWIN OUT-  
STANDING CORPORATE CITIZEN  
AWARD

#### HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Mr. Keith Palmer, President of Palmer's Toyota Superstore in Mobile, Alabama, on the occasion of his being honored with the Lillian C. McGowin Outstanding Corporate Citizen Award.

This annual award is presented by the Alabama Gulf Coast Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The local chapter of AFP represents nearly fifty fundraisers in the Alabama Gulf Coast region and encourages the growth and development of professional fundraisers, as well as promoting the maintaining of high ethical standards in this profession.

Keith Palmer and the employees of Palmer's Toyota are certainly quite deserving of this recognition, having been extremely involved in the life of the Mobile community for many years. For many years, they have championed numerous community assistance, educational, and non profit organizations in south Alabama, all of which have been the beneficiary of his efforts and those of his fellow fundraisers. These groups include the Child Advocacy Center, the Ronald McDonald Houses of Mobile and Pensacola (Florida), the

Boy Scouts of America, Baker High School, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Semmes (Alabama) Dixie Youth Baseball, and Tanner Williams School.

The Gulf Coast AFP Chapter undoubtedly received numerous worthy nominations for men and women from throughout Mobile who in their own way also make significant contributions to their friends and neighbors on a daily basis. I am certain it is difficult to make the final selection for this award, but as in the past, this year's winner has shown a tremendous level of community support and charitable giving. Many in Mobile can personally attest to Keith's deep concern for his neighbors and for so many in Mobile who have benefited from his and his employees' tremendous generosity.

Mr. Speaker, I can think of no higher praise than that received from professional colleagues, and this award is certainly strong testimony to the esteem in which Keith Palmer is held by so many in Mobile. Along with his many family, friends, and colleagues throughout south Alabama, I wish to extend to him my warmest congratulations on the receipt of the Lillian C. McGowin Outstanding Corporate Citizen Award.

#### THE RETIREMENT OF CHUCK SMITH

#### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, November 19, 2004*

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to recognize a very good friend of mine, Mr. Chuck Smith, a retiring member of the Orange County Board of Supervisors—and a man whose heart is dedicated to the community of Orange County.

In 1978, Mr. Smith was on the Westminster Planning Commission, and served during a time of great business expansion in Orange County. He played an instrumental role in building the Little Saigon District. Between 1984 and 1996, Mr. Smith served on the Westminster City Council and was elected Mayor for four 2-year terms.

In addition to serving the local city, Mr. Smith serves the Orange County community at large. In 1998 and in 2000, he was also elected to serve as chairman of the board of supervisors by his colleagues.

Mr. Smith recognizes the needs of the community. Loyal to public transportation efforts, he served as chairman of the Orange County Transportation Authority, and continues to represent the following agencies: The Southern California Regional Railroad Authority, and the Southern California Regional Airport Authority, dedicated to making transportation safe and reliable to all of Orange County.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chuck Smith will be missed by countless individuals whose lives he touched with his boundless enthusiasm and passion for helping others. I wish to recognize his accomplishments and contribution, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.